



General Assembly

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Substitute Bill No. 5394

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AN ACT CONCERNING ENDORSEMENTS OF TOWN COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND CLARIFYING RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN STATE OFFICE CANDIDATES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 9-391 of the 2016 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective from passage*):

4 (a) Each endorsement of a candidate to run in a primary for the
5 nomination of candidates for municipal office to be voted upon at a
6 municipal election, or for the election of town committee members,
7 shall be made under the provisions of section 9-390 not earlier than the
8 fifty-sixth day or later than the forty-ninth day preceding the day of
9 such primary. [In the case of an endorsement of a candidate for a
10 municipal office of state senator or state representative, such
11 endorsement may be made of a candidate whose name appears upon
12 the last-completed enrollment list of such party within the
13 municipality or political subdivision within which such candidate is to
14 run for nomination.] The endorsement shall be certified to the clerk of
15 the municipality by either [(1) the chairman or presiding officer, or (2)]
16 the chairperson or presiding officer or the secretary of the town
17 committee, caucus or convention, as the case may be, not later than
18 four o'clock p.m. on the forty-eighth day preceding the day of such
19 primary. [Such certification shall be signed by such candidate and]
20 Each such candidate, except a candidate for the election of town

21 committee member, shall sign such certification. Each such
22 certification shall contain the name and street address of each [person]
23 candidate so endorsed, the title of the office or the position as
24 committee member and the name or number of the political
25 subdivision or district, if any, for which each such [person] candidate
26 is endorsed. Such certification shall be made on a form prescribed by
27 the Secretary of the State or on such other form as may comply with
28 the provisions of this subsection. If such a certificate of a party's
29 endorsement is not received by the [town] clerk of the municipality by
30 such time, such certificate shall be invalid and such party, for the
31 purposes of sections 9-417, 9-418 and 9-419, shall be deemed to have
32 neither made nor certified such endorsement of any candidate for such
33 office.

34 (b) Each selection of delegates to a state or district convention shall
35 be made in accordance with the provisions of section 9-390 not earlier
36 than the one-hundred-fortieth day and not later than the one-hundred-
37 thirty-third day preceding the day of the primary for such state or
38 district office. Such selection shall be certified to the clerk of the
39 municipality by [the chairman or presiding officer and] either the
40 chairperson or presiding officer or the secretary of the town committee
41 or caucus, as the case may be, not later than four o'clock p.m. on the
42 one-hundred-thirty-second day preceding the day of such primary.
43 Each such certification shall contain the name and street address of
44 each person so selected, the position as delegate, and the name or
45 number of the political subdivision or district, if any, for which each
46 such person is selected. If such a certificate of a party's selection is not
47 received by the [town] clerk of the municipality by such time, such
48 certificate shall be invalid and such party, for the purposes of sections
49 9-417 and 9-420, shall be deemed to have neither made nor certified
50 any selection of any person for the position of delegate.

51 (c) Each endorsement of a candidate to run in a primary for the
52 nomination of candidates for a municipal office to be voted upon at a
53 state election shall be made under the provisions of section 9-390 not

54 earlier than the eighty-fourth day or later than the seventy-seventh day
55 preceding the day of such primary. [Any] Each certification to be filed
56 under this subsection shall be received by the Secretary of the State not
57 later than four o'clock p.m. on the fourteenth day after the close of the
58 town committee meeting, caucus or convention, as the case may be. If
59 such a certificate of a party's endorsement is not received by the
60 Secretary of the State by such time, such certificate shall be invalid and
61 such party, for the purposes of sections 9-417 and 9-418, shall be
62 deemed to have neither made nor certified any endorsement of any
63 candidate for such office. The candidate so endorsed for a municipal
64 office to be voted upon at a state election, other than the office of
65 justice of the peace, shall file with the Secretary of the State a
66 certificate, signed by that candidate, stating that such candidate was so
67 endorsed, the candidate's name as the candidate authorizes it to
68 appear on the ballot, the candidate's full street address and the title
69 and district of the office for which the candidate was endorsed. Such
70 certificate may be filed by a candidate whose name appears upon the
71 last-completed enrollment list of such party within the senatorial
72 district within which the candidate is endorsed to run for nomination
73 in the case of the municipal office of state senator, or the assembly
74 district within which [a person] the candidate is endorsed to run for
75 nomination in the case of the municipal office of state representative,
76 or the municipality or political subdivision within which [a person] the
77 candidate is to run for nomination for other municipal offices to be
78 voted on at a state election. Such certificate shall be attested by either
79 the chairperson or presiding officer or the secretary of the town
80 committee, caucus or convention which made such endorsement. The
81 endorsement of any candidate for the office of justice of the peace shall
82 be certified to the clerk of the municipality by either the chairperson or
83 presiding officer or the secretary of the town committee, caucus or
84 convention, and shall contain the name and street address of each
85 [person] candidate so endorsed and the title of the office for which
86 each such [person] candidate is endorsed. Such certification shall be
87 made on a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State or on such
88 other form as may comply with the provisions of this subsection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-391
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

The bill became a substitute due to a title change.

GAE *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*